Miss Lora A. Shirley
Puerto de Isleta
N. Mex.
May/60

May 20th 1880.

Mrs E. E. H. Hawes,
#23 Centre St. New York.

Dear Madam— Your letter freighted with kindly inquiries concerning mission schools in New Mexico, their needs, their success and your evinced interest in our band of workers, like a gleam of radiant sunshine illumines our pathway, for is not the fact, that you are thinking of us, a promise for the future?

We cannot but ask much at your hands, Ladies of the Committee, for the encouraging view of your efforts, only brings the needs, the grand possibilities into bold relief. It is indeed "the dawning of the morning"

shall we plead in vain, for ministers
for teachers, for loving, helping
interest in a people living lives
fettered by the wiles and subtle
charms of the Roman Catholic
Church?

To the Presbyterian Church,
this people turns, to be redeemed from
the bondage, so distasteful, with a
longing to throw aside its shackles,
and to be able to rejoice in the
liberty with which Christ has
made us free, shall her money,
her prayers be withheld?

I would that the pitifully
earnest faces upturned many a
time to mine might plead their
own cause with you. "Oh cannot
I come to your school"; "Will you
not send us a teacher;" are
questions we are but too familiar
with, their sad import and our
misfortune falling like a knell

our sad hearts, the while the light slowly fades from the pleading eyes as the dream of school life and loving teachers is all too rudely dispelled by the words we so reluctantly speak "Not now, after while we will try to send you a teacher. As far as I have been able to inform myself in none of the schools already established are boarding pupils received. Am under the impression that Miss Perkins, in charge of mission school at Santa Fe, sometimes receives such pupils, have written to her and may at another time be able to give you the estimate asked for. The desirability of establishing schools and, if at all practicable boarding schools, presses itself upon me. I fain would ask who will be the honored one to come, and who the privileged ones to send, a teacher to the "Springs"? Situated fourteen [illegible]

responsive smile, while the Master illumines the countenances of those brought to feel their absolute insufficiency, without His near presence, and, when among other scenes, other interests demanding my time and attention, this people so dear to my heart will always be given living thoughts, earnest prayer.

I cannot close my letter without telling you, how very much we wish, you, and any other ladies of the Committee, might come to us, and talk face to face.

During the first week of September, the Presbytery of Santa Fé, convenes at Pueblo de Jémez, and, you would have an opportunity of meeting many of the workers in the field.

We are quite accessible now, thanks to the R. R., there are many points of historical interest

be a nucleus of (18) eighteen pupils which which to begin work. Three pupils could board at home, and, as fast as arrangements for their reception could be perfected, boarding pupils could be secured. Here is a golden opportunity, who will carry on the work but just commenced.

At Bernalillo a wealthy mexican, has offered lots, for Mission premises, including a burial place, with the proviso, that a church be built and the ground be occupied by a Presbyterian clergyman.

One can see a little rift in the deep twilight of ignorance in which Romish priests have enshrouded the minds of the people, as this gentleman being taken to task for his liberality by the parish priest, nobly defended his action, and replies, "I have given much property to your Church, why not give

a little to a Protestant Church?

Colorado College last fall sent a gentleman to establish an Academy at Albuquerque, its success, and the many Americans now arriving seem to make it impracticable to open a school there. The discontinuance of the school at Corralles in consequence of Mr Perea's removal to Albuquerque will cause much regret, as it has gained many friends. In fact there are so many fields at which effective work might be done, that the question seems not to be how many teachers do we need, but how many can you equip and send us.

The warfare is quite a peculiar one, we need above much the all-prevailing prayer. Churches, schools manned by live, energetic consecrated men and women,

As yet we have not been able to secure a photograph of the missing, should that happy time ever come, rest assured you will not be forgotten. I cannot but thank you for your cordial letter, gladly I have tried to give you the information asked for. As I look adown the vista of coming years, I tremble that my pen, so very inadequate to do the subject justice, should be the one to portray our needs, our success, for the magnitude of the work waiting to be done appalls me. Many a time as I look into the dark-eyed winning faces of my pupils, or note fainting heart listen to the rustling wings of the Angel Death in an Indian home, I thank the kind Providence, which guided my steps hitherto, feel I have found the blessedness of missionary work, caught the

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Albuquerque, N. Mex

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Albuquerque N. Mex.,
Dec 23rd 1880.

Miss H. Lee H. Haines,

My dear friend. Here I am on the ground, with one week of life in the "Pueblo Industrial Institute" a thing of the past.

In vain have I made the attempt to find a quiet hour in which to write you, now, I snatch only a hurried moment –

Our special need is clothing for our people – to be.

Ten boxes of bed clothing are on the way, for the present this will suffice.

Can you give

as an appeal for an Organ
we need it very much
indeed.

The singing fell to
Mrs Shields at the Pueblo,
I am not an independent
singer, and do not ever
voluntarily assume the
responsibility of the music.

As to my other duties
at Jemez, I can hardly tell
you what they were.
Household cares,
school-room duties, the
teaching my girls to sew and
knit, visiting and talking with
the women, sometimes cutting
and sewing for them, all
the time in my work
building into the little
strength of life.

I was able to bring
into use two of my most

promising pupils - I could not but feel this to be a benediction upon my work in that Pueblo -

The list of clothing I think is quite full enough for our purposes at this time -

At an early day I ~~hope~~ to send you some incidents of my school life at the Pueblo and in this new venture -

Pardon my hasty writing. With sincerest wishes for the prospering of the work at the "Front end of the line" I remain as ever

Very truly Yours
Lora B. Shields

Miss Lora A. Shirley
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Albuquerque N. Mex.
December 30th 1880.

Mrs F. E. H. Haines.

My dear friend: - Will you pay to Miss Verbeck and Miss Shenefelt, the teachers for Jemez and Jemez Springs, that we will be most happy to entertain them at the Coes to Industrial Institute, during their stay in Albuquerque -

If you will give me notice a week before their arrival, I will write to Jemez and have a team sent from there for them - This will be much the cheaper plan, as it is nearer by some 17 miles from Albuquerque to Jemez, than from Santa Fe to Jemez, and a

preferable overland route. If possible have the ladies so time their trip, that they may have sunlight.

I will need a weeks time to send to Jemez for this pig as they have only mail twice a week.

It will be needless for me to say to you, how happy I will be in having a talk with these ladies. Many happy memories cluster round the name "Jemez" and always shall a tender solicitude for that interesting people be mine.

The ladies shall be met at the Depot at Albuquerque, if they will send me word by what train to expect them. I shall feel only a pleasure and

can honor, in doing anything for their comfort while it is in my power.

Dr. Jackson expects to leave for Mesilla this evening - Pray for me that in his absence and the non-arrival of Prof Shearer that grace and strength for every duty may be given me from on high —

The out-look for New Mexico and for our Institute is cheering - Pafitilia and Catalina the little girls, who came with me from Jemez, are thoroughly happy, and are a pleasure and comfort to us all —

May the New Year bring you peace and joy and added prosperity in the work

Truly Your Friend
Lora B Shields

much more recovery, fine fruit, sunny skies, more than all the "exceptional" populations of "New Mexico Territory needs talking up. Our faces would be an inspiration to us and the coming in direct conflict with the needs the grand and ever increasing possibilities of this "Land of Sunshine" could not but be an incentive to you. How will it be, could you come?

With kind regards, I remain, as ever,

Most lovingly yours, in the best of bonds, Christian work and fellowship,

Lora B Shields,

Pueblo de Jémez

Bernalillo Co.

New Mexico.

PUEBLO SCHOOL, NEW MEXICO.

J. S. Stamm, Principal.

Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 11th 1881.

Miss F. E. H. Hancock,
"23 Augustus St.
New York.

My dear friends. — Your letters of Feb 2nd are just received, & promptly I am glad to say, we can grant Miss Gurney's request the first sitting must be that for the boys as she prefers it may be Thursday Noon. I will write her immediately & shall inform you of her decision. Miss Phillips and Miss Verbeck, as you have already learned no doubt, are both with us. The Ladies of Troy, N. Y. congratulate themselves upon their first and we do too. As associate teachers I could not desire more harmonious ones than Miss Phillips, as matron finds a pleasure in which she delights to reign, seems to be but a pleasure for her to direct the willing hands of the children, often help for but, many times simply to encourage.

Miss Verbeck finds her time fully occupied in the school room as yet more

[illegible] the
[illegible]
[illegible] the matter of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the knees of an [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] boys
mill, tucks are found in pockets stocking
the girls dresses tear, buttons come off, clothing
needs remodeling - [illegible] hand - taken all in all
the parching and dancing for fifty or twenty-five
pupils is no easy task. This with the teaching the
girls to sew and cut requires the undivided attention
of not [illegible] as and will readily perceive.
I sincerely trust it may be the pleasure of
the Ladies Ex. Committee and of the members
of the Home Board, to retain Miss Corbett in their
present position. In view with the Indian
character, it is plain that our school has made
a good impression, and, that many of the different
Pueblos feel very friendly towards us, and my
I cannot say [illegible] for all. Six Pueblos are
represented [illegible] our twenty six pupils,
Zunes, Isleta, Cochiti, La Guna, Acoma and
Pojuaque. [illegible] the parents of half of
[illegible] [illegible] we [illegible]
[illegible]

L[illegible]OOL, NEW [illegible]EXICO.

J. J. Powers, Principal.

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accept themselves to their auguistries, not seek
to bend their will to ours. From the reports
in by Dr. Jackson and his Deputy Agent Wallace,
we feel convinced that a little Special effort on
the part of the teachers of this Institute, will do
much towards interesting the people in the school
and in enhancing the interest already created
by these gatherings. We cannot [illegible]
the necessity of having our full number in
another incentive to personal work, even if at
personal expense. That will so promptly counteract
the Roman Catholic's influence over the minds of
Indian parents as teachers and school. It
will create this interest once the Teacher gains
their confidence, taking them by the hand and "getting
acquainted". Our Powers, gentle, smiles voice, "We know
enough, we do not want to be anything but Teachers
then shall we influence such people". We feel
personal work would give to the Teachers
[illegible] time for [illegible]

[illegible] one year. [illegible] instruction in the afternoon — this leaves the entire charge of the school rooms upon me at the present time. I find it not too arduous but with fifty pupils, I should find it impossible to do the work as it should be done — Then too the care of the children in the evening is another important matter — The man employed to do farm work leaves the 18th of this month — He is incapable of training boys, and cannot be trusted even to work alone — His wife is in ill health and is almost no help — For the time being the farm work comes upon Mr. Shearer and the boys — Thus you see we are all busy busy. Sometimes too there are many things which are unpleasant — I feel confident the time will come when this school will be a power for good among "Montezumas Sons" — What of an organ for our school? We need one so very much — I tried to rent one but there is nothing to be had in the City — The need of [illegible] buttons, pins [illegible] [illegible] for boys from [illegible] girls [illegible]

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plain and substantial will be very acceptable. Pictures and Picture books, always in order —

And now, my dear Mrs Haines in bidding you farewell, let me ask you to remember that I am one of your youngest pupils, be lenient with me, wherein I fail, do counsel me to dealing with these bigoted Indians, as only can I to lead these boys and girls into the narrow way. Suggest to me if I do not tell you the things you need to know of the school — If you will fix a date each month you would like to hear from me, I will try and be prompt or would you like to hear when I pray for us, that the master hand may guide and His smile rest upon our work — With kind regards to the ladies of the committee, I remain, as ever,

Sincerely Your friend

Lou B Shields.

Please return form of
to G. L. H. Harris

Miss L. J. Phillips

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Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 1st, 1887.

Mrs. J. E. H. Harris,
23 Centre Street,
N. Y.

My dear Friend:— The first Quarter of our history as a school has passed beyond recall, and to-day, as a backward glance contrasts these first weeks of anxious thought How shall we start quickly and surely about for our new venture success, with the gay groups of happy cheerful boys and girls, who lend life and cast to our home, we can but feel, "It is a precious and Wise grand possibilities before us! the Master's smile

upon our efforts, and will be a power for good among the ten-thousand Pueblo Indians of New Mexico.

Shall I ever forget that Saturday morning, I came to a house barren of every comfort begged permission, of the Mexican family living in one room for my two little girls from Jemez and two boys from Isleta, to warm by her fire, received freight until Dr. Jackson, Mrs Jackson and Miss Sheldon arrived about three in the P.M.; Here we worked that evening; then the last week of December Dr. and Mrs Jackson left for the southern part of the Territory saying to me, "Miss Lora, we leave you in charge, act in all instances, as if you

were the Superintendent of the Institution" — I confess it was quite an undertaking and many a time I felt ready to faint, though through those trying weeks when all the responsibility came upon me I had so many bright, encouraging things with the difficulties, that the high places seemed to have been made low the rough places smoothed over by an unseen Hand — I I heard lessons before breakfast, spent the morning in looking over the mail, acknowledging boxes, or transacting other business, the afternoons and evenings in sewing — Jen. all day Mrs Jean & I sewed at making bed-ticks.

On the middle of

this busy life, comes her
Indians to add to our
family of seventeen — only
three stoves, one in Reception
room, one in boys Dormitory
one in the Kitchen, and, no
school hall — Where was the
freight, those stoves, that school
furniture — I was could I
sleep any longer on a
mattress with out a bedstead
or without a fire? Our iron bed
steads all needed repairing before
they would be of use — I
was desperate Harvest, house
full of pupils, some for Carlisle
reading just as careful
tending and guarding as
our own pupils, visitors, Indians
coming and going, telling
me as soon as we were
ready, they should bring more
pupils, weather cold and

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planning, as I went to the city to learn if freight had been received — Yes, had been there for five days, the gentleman, who had been instructed to see to it, having failed — Two-hundred and thirty-four Dollars, a freight bill must be paid, ere the freight could be lifted — As I lifted a small amount I had in Bank and borrowed sufficient from one of the business men, to supply the deficiency and in a few days we were very comfortable Mr. Shearer, upon his arrival found school holding regular

sessions, morning and
afternoon, thirty one pupils
answering at roll-call — a
part of these of course were
those brought in for Carlisle
and left for the East while
Dr. J. — What can I say of
the week Dr. Jackson spent
here with his fifteen Apaches?
Dr. his wife and two Indian girls
sleeping in the Reception Room,
the fourteen Indian boys in
the hall — myself, Miss Peabody
Miss Fleuter, Miss Phillips in
one room, Mr Shearer and
Mr Conklin in the corner of
the dining hall — the school
room with its group of
visiting Indians — our own
boys and girls — Mexican
man and wife in two other rooms — Cheery
hopeful and happy we

all were - visitors, visitors, and then the Indians - they alone gave us pity - for every meal including our guests, and the Sabbath evening, the last day of the stay of those who went out from our midst for Carlisle and Hampton, there were seventy-six Indians!

What a glimpse of busy life it would have given you could you have looked in upon us — After all the most taxing thing I had to do was to interpret — there was much of this — of course, really my throat was quite worn out after they all got away. There are all things of the past, & now that they are over, we wonder how we did accomplish so much. I have sent the hair for twenty-three

boys and for the sixteen girls—
One mexican man would not
equal to doing such things,
being almost a boy, so there was
no one but myself to try it. Had
never done such a thing in
my life, but really I did get
a creditable "cut" — This, would
cost, according to New Mexico rates
$1.00 per head, had I not been
send in a bill to the Institution:
Thunder, to help Mrs Verbeck, I
still trim the girls hair, but, one
of the boys, I have been trying to
learn the barbers profession.
Do not imagine, that mention
this in anything but a
playful way, I was glad to do
anything which would
relieve others or would in any
way advance the cause — Only
you see we missionaries must

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must not only have fortitude to launch out in life stemming the popular prejudice at home, the ignorance here, but have talent enough to grapple with a foreign language, be housekeepers who, can not only train the untutored, but fly their own in the dough tray, as well as entertain, be teachers, who can go from the organ to the painting and sewing room, the kitchen or even train hair for boys and girls — Mr. Perea's buried their little girl of three months from our Institution — that was one of the sad things — One Monday morning, Nip Verbeck came

to the school hall saying, "Mr. and Mrs Perea and Cruz Smith are at the door in a carriage and the baby is dead — what shall we do?" Of course, we extended the hospitality of the house, gave our room, Inis Verbeke and mine to Mrs. Perea, and laid the baby in the Reception room. In the afternoon, a minister from the City came out, a few personal friends came, and there with all our pupils grouped around, the words of comfort as spoken by a minister of the gospel were said, the last look taken at the dear dead face and, the little one was taken to its resting place in a small Protestant Cemetery among the foot-hills of the

Sandia mountains. We have had many, many visitors, are a kind of headquarters for missionaries — Unless, some arrangement is made for entertaining company it is rather a heavy tax upon ~~our time~~ Phillip and I have talked the matter over and she will write you in regard to the matter — I only write you of these things that you may see how fully our time is occupied — I am in the school-room five hours per day and have boys and girls an hour after dark — Then, I am with the children every evening, always with the boys, all evening except Saturday evening when they bathe — and now that

we have no help in the kitchen, & take the girls too, and, Giv Juf Verbeek an opportunity to help Juf Phillip - This Juf Phillip says is more help than if I would spend that hour in the kitchen because Juf Verbeek can go at anytime she needs her and I of course am on duty in the school room - many a time when the needs a little assistance Juf Verbeek is with the girls Rabbath morning and I stay with the ~~girls~~ - then I stay with both, after Rabbath school in the afternoon this prevents things up so that we shall not feel that one does under the circumstances more than they should - If another teacher were here and

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Competent party were in the kitchen then we would have time to write and try to entertain the workers at the other end the line. We trust it will be the pleasure of the Ladies that are long these wants may be met. The school-room work is my specialty — Thirty-six pupils are enrolled — Have a Second Reader, a First Reader and two Primer Classes. Of this number eleven have received previous instruction in Pueblo schools. Text books are used only for Second and First Reader Classes, all other branches are taught orally, the objective method being used.

In addition, I have a Geographical class, and, usually spend recess, (morning recess) and a short time each evening, in discussing objects found out of the school room — The mastery of the English is the first aim of the school-room, and in all my work there I have had most gratifying results. The pupils are easily governed not a single case of discipline having as yet been reported to the Superintendent — Of their progress in Drawing and the neat filled Tablets they show I am quite pleased.

In bringing their children to us, the parents say, "Guard them well, teach them well, be a mother to them". The Indians seem to feel the utmost

confidence in us all, seem to recognize full well that we strive to create a home life for those entrusted to our care. The discipline of our school must be that of a well-governed home - A Public ~~School~~ ideal of all that is true and noble in man or woman is "they do not know how to be angry" Truly one who would be a successful worker among these people must know himself or herself —

I enclose to you the list of articles needed for each boy and girl for the first year in our school — You remember my telling you the list you sent me was suitable, We find, by the wear and tear of the past three months

that it is not, so by
comparing that list with
the lists of other schools
Miss Verbeck has prepared this
one — several parties have
signified their willingness to
board a pupil during the
time they are being educated.

Before closing let me say to
you something of the furnishings
of our room — It was a surprise
to me to learn upon my arrival
here, that I was expected to
furnish my own room — Had
I ~~felt~~ known it earlier, I should
have written to my Pittsburg friends
and, ~~have~~ had them make
an effort to furnish it —
As it was I knew nothing of
this necessity, and came
here expecting to find a
furnished room, was not
only surprised but quite annoyed

to find, that, from my slender salary, barely enough, to feed me and clothe me, by using the utmost economy my room was to be furnished— After I was on the ground and a room fitted up, could I make an effort to have one furnished, I felt not, and yet I do feel that I cannot afford to put even as much into furnishing as I did— If I am wrong in the matter candidly tell me so. The carpet was $36, half for my share was $18. The looking glass $1,50 the very best I could get but of course only American glass. A Rocking Chair $4. As we use an iron bedstead, which belongs to the Institution and any day we have the full

complement of pupils, it must be given up, so concluded not to have it in full view, and curtained off a sufficient space for two beds and washstands — This curtain cost me $2.50

The new bedding which came in boxes, it is of very nice quality, and I had feathered pillows of my own. Mrs Verbeck and I have each a bed-stead - iron — and a little pine-stained stand - and a tin basin in which to wash — they the stands and basins were furnished by the Government - rather limited — We are really very comfortable but if I felt I could afford it I most certainly would buy myself a little nicer toilet arrangement

We look for Miss Harris this evening — we have bought in an extra plank, just Miss Phillips bread and pickles, which were bought for the spare-room, on it and I intend sleeping on a bed lounge the private property of our Superintendent and giving up my bed to her, our iron bed-plank does not hold two very well, are two narrow — for just a few comfortable a little planning makes us all. My one great luxury is a writing desk — It is of pine, simply varnished, but being made in the style of a secretary is a great comfort — Our room is the only sitting room of any kind in the house

as one feels a comfortable
place to write a necessity.
The price of it, $10. I can
but feel was wisely spent.
Miss Verbeck has of course her
own bedding, and, we both
have books and other nick-
knacks which make our
room cheery and bright.
I write you thus informally
and mention these things to
you because they trouble me.
I give my entire time to
duties, not even so far having
had time to perfect my knowledge
of Spanish already gained, gladly
willing do I do this — for
I am most enthusiastic
for our school and realize
most fully that to be efficient
for the Master one must get
these children away from home

I have been now two years away from home and feel the need of replenishing my wardrobe, so I have planned to go home for the summer vacation and then to return. If I must furnish my room how shall I manage to get a complete new outfit is a question that comes up; this is why I write to know if the furnishing of my room must come out of my salary — I am an only daughter as you know — and feeling that I have had many things in my work to make me feel happy in my work I have resisted the entreaty of the home friends to come home only promising to do so for

a vacation — I send my
bill for travelling expenses
to you — I hardly know
to whom it should be
sent — I shall fill my
blank for the Quarter and
send to Dr. Kendall, but
do not write a formal report
of my work, as they tell me
in Institutions of this kind
it is customary for the
Superintendent only to report.
If the Board see fit to
send contrary instructions
I shall find pleasure in
sending any report they
may desire — We have
been specially prospered in
obtaining girls as pupils having
only two more boys than
girls — Of course the girls
have an opportunity — to
sew and to do general housework

but the boys have little to employ them outside of school-hours — May I suggest that we all think how, when and in what way we could find means to teach them trades — They enjoy work and are quite as ready and responsive to training as any white children would be — It seems to me, that if we educate them, we should feel ourselves in duty bound to place them in a position where they can use that education, this I think we can only do, by giving them the where-with to make a livlihood — The condition of New Mexico demands that these youths shall either step down into

the lower the very lowest condition
in life, or shall become inspired
to make of themselves something
they have not yet done —
The Agent has advised
that the Pueblos be visited
by our Superintendent. If possible
he wanted me to go to those
Pueblo in which I had
friends — if I find I can
I will do so. Has any one
told you of the delightful visit
the kind suggestions and the
assurances of sympathy we
had from Dr. Thomas U.S. Agent
and his wife; I quite enjoyed
their visit, as they were personal
friends — I find my letter
grows long, yet I must
tell you that I wrote to
Miss Gurney — Mrs Spencer
of Erie that you spoke of
I see in Mrs Langdon's report
is a member of Park St.

Church — I sincerely trust she may send clothing to our school, as I had a friend in that Church, that unless greatly changed, might do something handsome for us — I would have written her but could find no address —

Pray for teachers and pupils, we need prayers, loving thought and hopeful words —

Very sincerely your friend
Lou B. Shields

Accept a few lines I send you of New Mexico scenery
L.B.S.

Kindest regards to all the Ladies —

Please address to
F. E. H. Haines

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Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 24th, 1881.

Mrs. F. E. H. Haines,
#23 Centre St.
New York.

My dear and valued friend:— Found your favor of the 12th, awaiting me upon my return from Laguna — Have not the time to tell you of my welcome from the Indians, the enthusiastic interest of the people in reference to sending us more pupils, and of my varied experiences in visiting the different villages comprising that Pueblo — Of my success in bringing back with me nine girls and one boy as well as of the kindness of a personal friend in providing me with a pass, you may already have heard, through Dr. Kendall, as our pupil wrote to him upon my arrival — If I tell you how very much I rejoice in being able to do these things and serve my

Master, in trying to carry out the plans and expand for the workers at the other end of the line, their enriched interest in our school — you will appreciate the sacrifice I made in seeing Mr Shearer take for the time being my place in the school-room and I go to the kitchen to assist Miss Phillips — I have done this at the suggestion of our Superintendent, who felt he would do more than double duty to get Miss Phillips relieved. To do all day I have cooked washed dishes and, have taken the many many steps which are needful in providing for our family of fifty — Gladly, gladly do I do this, thanking a wise mother that I knew so much of kitchen work, as to be of efficient service — I will do this for one week or two, but I cannot do it many weeks — Last summer I had a very severe malarial fever — on

mountain fever, as we term it in New Mexico - and twice since being here, have, after a little too severe action, been prostrated by fever for several days - This is a valid reason why I fear to much longer do Pueblo and double duty - Two can accomplish the kitchen and dining hall work with the assistance of the girls but one alone cannot. I am just where I feel duty calls me - but the letters! the letters! When can I find strength and heart to write after being heated all day; I feel that with the tidings of success already gained, and, the words spoken from heart to heart, that much can be accomplished for our school, and I do feel that we have gained too much to let lightly go - We are all too enthusiastic not to put heart and soul into our work but, we cannot do double duty long - And now, let me speak of a pleasanter theme - The Home Missionary meeting during the

at Buffalo
Believe me
most anxious
to do anything
for the success
of our school
and for the
furthering of
the cause
at the same
time and the time
Very lovingly
Lara B. S.

Annual Convention of the Universal Peace Union. —
A world enjoying thirty days of
a convention, and
we there — A wish to
A Reason why with
phia are cancel
well as in Europe
be much pleasure
be very welcome
thing our
friend, Thomas
to explore with
children can
by individual
to public a
a public institution
Keith and retained
to write longer —
if you judge

in filling our school up and in winning the hearts of our pupils, has truly been something for which to be thankful. We have had a number of amusing and rather instances showing the spirit of the children in regard to the school. Two girls from Jones road came 4 absences for some day in which time they were to visit with their mothers. One Daisy could not eat her mothers cooking and so took her meals at Dr. Shields, and came back to school before the time of the vacation had expired — The other

Miss Lora B. Shirley
and in part 5.17/81

En route for Pittsburg.
May 15th 1871.

Mrs J. E. H. Hamm,
#23 Centre St.
New York.

Dear friend. - Upon the receipt of Dr. Randall's letter telling me that Miss Gould was appointed I left my school work in the hands (the Superintendent -) I will say to you that I have made satisfactory arrangements with him for him carrying on my school work during my absence - It will be a great saving of annoyance to me in money matters, if the

Board will forward to
my address for the coming
two months, Bennett,
Allegheny Co.
Pa.
the salary due me for the
last Quarter, and will
you advance pay me
for this quarter. If the
Ladies decided to refund
me the money for furnishing
my room, I will be very
glad — I hope to hear
favorably from you on
these points I shall
endeavor to make it my work during
the coming vacation to
talk up our school, our
work as strongly
as my strength will
permit — & hope
by spending June in

a different climate to regain my lost vigor and to escape a return of the fever—

I left the school with but one vacancy among my list of pupils—and for that there were so many applicants—we hardly knew how to decide upon admitting but one. At the meeting at Buffalo I do hope you may be able to induce the people to provide for us—Our school is a most important one, is popular with Indians, its management indorsed by the Church, the Board and Department of the Interior. Our success

li = girl cried for joy
to get back again and
told me the "Cried all
Time to come back.
Another a boy from
Idela, went to visit his
dying Grandfather and
he writes the rotting
of the old mans property.
After the Grandfather
Death, the family thought
their Loneliness to keep
the boy - but he became
disinterested with herding
sheep and cattle, and they
allowed him to return
to us — "to study" - he said
One of my last acts before
leaving the Institution was
to welcome him to it's
Fold. I watched again as Jesus

you see, we have reached
out beyond our school
life and reach the
homes — I hope to
hear favorably on all
these points mentioned

Sincerely
Your friend.
Lula B Hiles

Schenectady
May 27/84

My dear Miss G-

I recd your letter last evening & hasten to reply: hoping this may reach you before you leave Buffalo.
As you will perceive from this, I am not in Buffalo; & I do not know whether Bro B. F. Potter our Bro-Committee is there or not: but as I cannot come to you, can you not come to me? I should be

very glad to see you: & if
you will only say you will
come & make me a visit, if
only a little one, I will meet
you at the train, & be more
happy to make your ac-
quaintance at my house
than elsewhere; & will get
up a special meeting for
you, or any thing else I can
to attract you here -
Do come, yours in haste -
M. Mains -

a few words to you confidentially.
Some time ago Bro. Shearer made an estimate of the expenses of the Institution for one month and asked the Board to send him by the first of the month the amount needed for that months expenditures — Bro Shearer is a prompt business man, and as in that warm climate supplies have to be laid in frequently, he arranged with firms to render all bills the 1st day of each month and that he was to have special wholesale prices on all goods bought, To him, as to any business man, it is annoying not to have the ability to meet payments when due, and all know that it troubles him not a little that he can not be above the worry of financial

Miss L. B. Fields.
ans'd -

Paris,
June 23d, 1871

My dear Mrs Haines: — I have waited to hear from you again before writing, as I wish to speak of a few things I will anticipate a letter and write them — I would that I could have a quiet talk, so much more satisfactory it would be! I have been able only to prepare a partial list of the pensionships taken in our school, I hope to hear from the Institution very soon — I wrote to have the Supt give me such a list as I did not have the data here — I will forward it to you as soon as practicable — I presume Prof. Shearer wrote to Dr Kendall of the concerted plan of the Jesuits to break up the school — The Indians seemed

I will send in an account of the trains they have run over the Lorio road to the Jesuits & the Quakers & brought them into Bismarck & from there to Fort Lincoln & the Yankton

to be all the more ready to believe the statement the school was to be taken east, as it had already gone, now they are all quiet and industrious through all fields for a few weeks that the situation was a painful one for the school; then often the thought came home to me that the teachers of Albuquerque Industrial may become martyrs to its cause (and Christ!) Bro. S. says in a recent letter, "Our work has been done so quietly that Catholicism has just awakened to the importance of this school. The Jesuits now realize that, unless they can succeed in destroying our influence & defeating our purpose, in many years they will lose their prestige with hundreds of the Indians. Do you suppose that they will yield their vantage ground without a struggle? No!

In order to maintain the advantages which we have secured, my intention is to give the pupils a vacation of only three or four weeks. And at the same time "Keep open house" for those who choose to remain with us."

So you see there is no easy summers work for the teachers, if my health would permit me I would feel like starting back to-morrow. There is yet to be fought a hard battle with Catholicism & Indians who have no sympathy with Roman Catholicism just to be upheld and sustained, those in favor of it are to be won, and no easy task is it. There is so much brain work to be done and so many things to be thought of that I will take the liberty if you will allow me the privilege, of saying

Shee have taken a scholar in our school — She needs so many things at the Institution that I feel like going begging every day — my mind can scarcely rest for thinking of how much might be done for us.

Are all the scholarships in our school $80.? I had understood there were some at $60. comprising the clothing, school books and tuition of a child. Is this a fact?

Rev. Mr. Beatty and wife had reached Albuquerque on their way to Zuñi — They were much liked by our teachers —

Miss Perry of Lagunna has asked for a re-appointment her engagement having come to an unfortunate end. I am glad we are not yet to lose her, she is one of our most enthusiastic Indian workers —

matters. As my being away throws more responsibility upon his shoulders, especially that of the school room, entertaining of Indian visitors, and correspondence I would ask you to use your influence to have the B. send by the 1st day of each month a sufficient sum to cover the running expenses for the household for one month. This will be to Mr. Shearer a very great comfort and relieve his mind very much. He is a man of prompt business habits, and he feels worried every time when he is not able to make good his promise to pay at first of month. He is trying to devote himself very diligently to the language and needs to have his mind unburdened as little as possible with

considered by Dr Thomas and the business men of Albuquerque ~~to be~~ very efficient as a Superintendent, and, useful it would be difficult to find another to fill his position with so much satisfaction and credit. It is a most important position and to change Superintendents now would be perilous to the success of the school, as it would arouse such suspicion among the Indians as could not be easily quelled — In every way but this one, of money matters Prof. Shearer is perfectly satisfied feels his work has been a success and that the Lord has been on the side of the school. This I feel assured that unless the Board can give him this ~~[illegible]~~ consideration and

before long gives up his position—
He has so much heart in
the work, has been so faithful
so successful, that now as
he is just filled by a few
months experience to do effective
service I feel none of us can
spare him — I only tell you
of this, because so much of my
work falls upon him during
my absence, and from this fact
I felt you would pardon the liberty
I take — It is hard for me to
even suggest this to you, my dear
friend, But I leave the matter
in your hands, and, if you can
accede this favor, I know it will
bring relief to the Professor.

Please do not use my name
in the matter, unless unavoidable.
I enclose a card from
Schenectady — I should enjoy
visiting that Society if possible

and a fine teacher. I give you this as a tid-bit of gossip — Everything moves along nicely at the Institution — Do you know I am rather proud of my associates they all are pr exceptionally fitted for their positions — I long to be back again to work — I am and improving — getting quite strong — Do you know I have not yet received any money from the Board, and oh, I do so need it. Tell them if they only send it to me soon I will take up Mission stronger than ever —

With much love and hoping to hear from you soon

I remain sincerely yours in the work

Lou B Shields

to meet any of the Board who would enjoy having me visit, or that seemed to need me to go —

I think of our dignified Professor ~~Wait~~ Miss Verbeck and Miss Auld, taking entire school to the Menagerie! The paper states that Prof. Shearer did it at his own expense — and the teachers write me that they are confident that it gave our school more prestige with pupils and their parents than would five times the same amount of money expended in any other way.

The exhibit was fine the elephant being one of the greatest wonders to the boys and girls — How I should have enjoyed witnessing their experiences! I am compelled to write hastily, Hope to hear from you soon — Very Lovingly Lou Shields

Miss Lora B. Shields

and 7.1/81 —
to Sept. 81 —

Bennett, Pa,
June 29th, 1881.

Mrs J. E. H. Haines
#23 Centre St,
New York,

My dear friend: — As talking a few days ago with a friend, a member of the Erie ~~Legislature~~ Legislature she told me the young lady whom they had been supporting at Miss Clemmons' Utah, would not for private reasons be supported another year — and she also said some ~~other~~ other talk had been of taking in her place a ~~lady~~ teacher in New Mexico, but that you were the one to suggest who it should be. Why should it not be one

the teachers in our building?
Or is Miss Auld's salary
or Miss Phillips or mine
ever paid by any outside
Society?

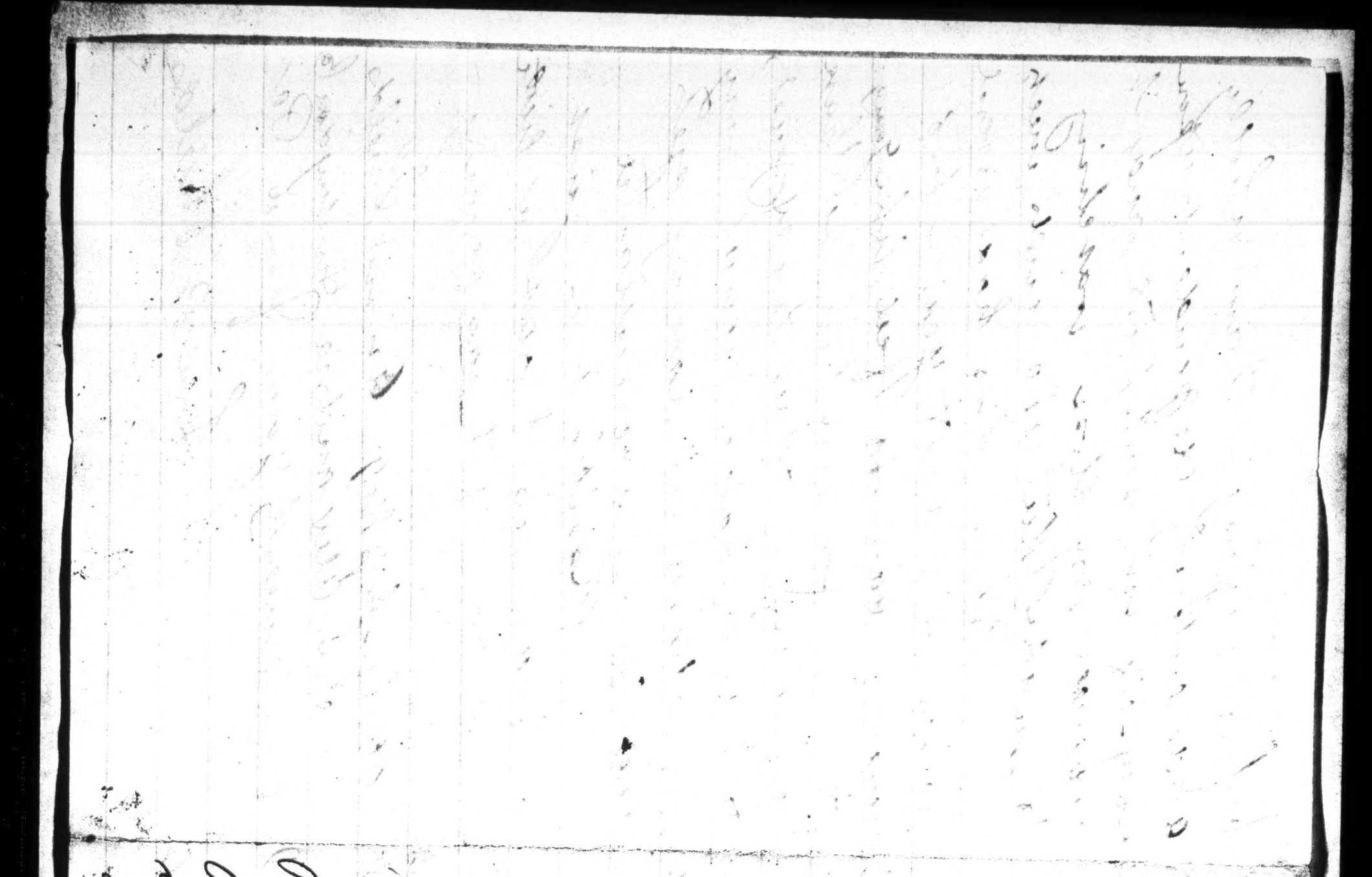
I speak of asking if
a teacher in our school might
not be given them as many
of the Ladies have become
interested in our school
Should they find it desirable
and you think it expedient
for them to take one of our
teachers I should very much
enjoy being present at their
Club meeting. I only mention
this, as I learned they were
thinking of taking one
class in lieu of Miss S. and
am confident many of the
ladies are deeply interested
in our Institution.

By this morning's

mail I received a letter from Miss Auld - She seems to be contented and is gaining in enthusiasm though she is surprised at the "skill required to teach, and the nervous force expended in teaching" No one scarcely can realize how much patience is required until they experience it for themselves.

The "Cheerful Workers" of Pine St. Church Harrisburg Pa take a scholarship in our school - "George Chambers" a scholarship list I enclose for you, and will try and send you any names that are to be added -

I am impatient to be at thorough work again - but it is necessary that I spend at least September, if I am able,



I sent her quarter for Miss Lora B. Hurley
other matter will have to come before
the Board on the 26th & I'll send it over
then — O.E.B

Bennett, Pa.,
July 8th, 1891.

My dear friend:— I have
received an invitation from
Miss Carrie B. Wallace, to
meet with their "Band" — Pine
St. Church, Harrisburgh, Pa. the
first Saturday in September.
If this time does not suit
my convenience, I am to
arrange at time — This I leave
to you. only when I am at
Harrisburgh, I want to go on
to Carlisle Barracks, to visit some
pupils, and to interview the school.
Mrs. James Crawford of New Castle
Pa., invites me to make my
arrangements to be with them
their meeting. I believe is at

Erie, during the meeting of the Synod by Erie — I see no reason why my name should not be given to these ladies, though it was not of myself I thought when writing — I leave the matter with you entirely.

In regard to the meeting at Asbury Park N.J. I do not like to promise to even think of going, much as I should enjoy the trip there and having an opportunity to speak for our Indians —

My remittance from the Board so long delayed has kept me back in my saving very much — I do not like to go in debt — that I prefered to wait until the arrival of my checks

before buying – I am wholly and entirely dependent upon myself for support, and it requires very close watching to make the two ends meet.

Papa has had several losses this last year or two and I cannot feel like going to him for anything, as I have been trying to be so economical to him whatever hence my impatience at having yet received my remittance –

Possibly it is just as well, as I rest a little more than if I was sewing –

Scholarship No. 9. Anna Shields
S. S. Alexandria Huntingdon Co.

Very sincerely Your friend Pa.

Ina B. Shields.

Miss Smith
also in part 7/26/62

Bennett, Pa.
Saturday morning

Dear Mrs Haines: —

Your letter greatly perplexed me, coming as it did within a day or two after a letter from Prof. Shearer. I have waited to reply, thinking it possible Prof. S. might telegraph.

I was not a little shocked when Mr Shearer wrote letting me — "I demand your resign to redeem my pledge, that you would be absent only sixty days."

How could he be so rash as to promise my return in sixty days, to the Indians when he knew I was bound,

expressly to escape the rainy season in July and August. I knew too that Physicians told me, my only hope to counteract that Malaria was to be absent all of these two months.

I know, full well, how imperative it is to keep one's word with Indians and would sacrifice every pleasure and comfort in my trip save health — that is paramount.

All the more am I surprised at his taking this liberty to make such a pledge; as I told Prof. before leaving the Institution, that I hoped and wished to return at an early day, but the time of my return or the going at all would be contingent with my being relieved from malarial symptoms -

When I left, the Institution was in good condition and all the teachers are unduly alarmed, though I sympathize very deeply with them, particularly as they are not able to speak the language. So laying aside every consideration but health I wrote immediately to Mr. S. telling him, it was out of the question for me to go at the present time the best I could do under any circumstances would be, to be there at the opening of School in September.

Hoping to see you soon, I await your order.

With love and kind regards, Sincerely Your friend.

Lina B. Shields

Miss L. R. Shield
ans - 9 Pt
also - Mrs. W. M. Johnston Albany
" Dr. Anna Watsford "
" J. S. Hamlin Troy
Henry Marsh Albany
Geo. C. Yides Hudson

Ochequetaca N. Y.
Sept 8th - 1891

Dear Mrs Haines. - I have reached this point in safety - Found Mrs Mains waiting for me - No arrangements made - Find Mrs M. can arrange for Saratoga and Glens Falls this week & give me five meetings this week and then Monday next I could leave here - Will you arrange for Albany, Troy Cohoes, Waterford and Hudson If I do not go to Philadelphia which it seems I cannot as there is an engagement here for Saturday the 10th of Sept, I will go to any point you

may arrange the 12"—
Please let me know
as early as possible—
Mrs M. wishes to be
remembered to you, she
will write next Monday next.
With much love
H.B. Shields—
Via telegraph to Parroboje,

Miss L. B. Shields

Bennett, Pa
Aug 5th 1881

Dear Mrs. Haines,

Expect to leave Pittsburg, Monday for Asbury Park, but until I cannot make connections so as to reach there earlier than Tuesday morning—

As I have as yet received no card of introduction, will it be asking too much to have some one meet me at the train, as I would scarcely know where to go—

Very Hastily,
Lou B. Shields

Miss L. B. Shield.

and a letter from Carlos
Aunt — 8. 20/81 —

Danbury Conn.

August 17th 1881

My very dear friend:

Changed location this A.M. — am here for an hour, waiting for a lady who wanted to talk "New Mexico" to another, she is; who has a son in the Territory.

Mrs. Posey interested herself in the matter of my going to Fort Bascom — and, I could have gone yesterday, but said to be a little longer with Miss Beach — Had some sport with an gentleman friend of Miss Marshalls yesterday — Of course I had the sport of trying to make fun of his views which he encouraged —

myself — Please do not pass
any of your remarks to pass
upon me unless they are
fair — Think I have proved
another scholarship for
my school — Can you
imagine, as you were
reading me on the back
reading a novel — He was
lenient and, the transition
from home to Boarding school
was not difficult —

I asked Jasper
Pratt to send a reply to
my letter, in your care
as you object, your suggesting

that I might not have
an immediate reply made
me feel it might come
after my leaving Sea-Rest
so I sent it in your care.

I am resting; you will
pledge by all this measure
Hope you to my next. My
Saturday asks to be remembered,

Very sincerely and lovingly
Your friend,
Lora B. Shields.

I hope we can accomplish something for the cause during the little time left me for visiting – next time I think I will come in the fall or stay a year and then the people will be home –

Very humbly but most lovingly, Your friend

Lora B. Shields.

Miss L. B. Hanes

Seaside
Asbury Park N.J.
First Avenue

Aug. 22nd 1891.

Dear Miss Haines, - In a letter from Dr Kendall, just received he gives me permission to remain east until about Oct 1st. He reminds me, that you are never sick, never tired, and that I must take care of myself - sends me such a kind, cordial letter, that they will let a teacher stop off on her way to Jénney. This relieves me, and I sincerely hope this arrangement may be perfected. I have written to Prof. Shearin - and, I do hope he will perceive the wisdom of my staying at least this month of September - Please share the responsibility with me - for I want to go well equipped to

my work, and want to find no stumbling blocks there -
I will leave here the 2nd or 3d of Sept. as you wish - please make what arrangement you think best - and let me know where to go first and where to meet you - I beg that you will be quite free at as many points as practicable. Am certain it will be better - Yesterday I thought I feel so well - Today - am so languid I can not bear to move - am taking hot baths and think they help me - at any rate I had feel strong for a day after having one - Had a letter from Prof S. written on the 12th - He has been off fighting the Indians at that date - had journeyed them as far as old Ft. Union. He

said "When they came within forty five miles, burning killing and destroying every thing in their way, I thought it too be time to join a party of volunteers, and go to the scene of action" — I feel very anxious to know how everything does progress — Our Pueblo Indians are side by side with U S. troops, fighting the Apaches. Mexicans too have turned out, to save their property — Oh how my heart goes out in prayer for some of my friend, among the missionaries who I know have been in danger — I must have two weeks at home — I cannot give my mother less. I will during that time go to New Castle — Please let me know as early as possible how and when you want me to go first

[illegible] to [illegible] work for [illegible]
[illegible] that it impossible
for him to be in school all
time and attend to his other
duties. Mr. Kendall wrote and
they would try to send us
help if the "Ladies" had the
funds - but we could not
but feel that the "Ladies" have
a wrong impression of how
matters stand - and we are
very much discouraged. I am
willing to do all I am able to
do - but could have to resign
altogether if help cannot be had
this I think the other ladies would
be willing to take my place &
do all the school work that is
to be done. We hope you will
be able and willing to send
me a good hearty girl - would
prefer one not over 25 years
of age - and [illegible] would be a
[illegible] if she could

Sept. 3d 1884.

Mrs. F. E. Barnes.

Dear friend,

I am feeling too much discouraged this morning to attend to my daily duties - on account of news we have just received in regard to Miss Shanklin's unfavorable report of the work here. I do not know exactly what her opinion was - but suppose it to have been unfavorable if the Doctor decided that we did not need further help.

I have not the words to say against Miss S. I liked her very much what acquaintances I had with her - but the truth cannot be hid. She was not able to do even what work was to be done in the district

week for
a week after her arrival
and then she was not able
able to teach the whole day. She
almost fainted. I think it was
the last day she was in school
and from that time on - could
only teach difficultly - part
of the time only in a whisper.
But we had no idea she was
thinking of leaving - and did
every thing we could to make
her comfortable. I could not do
much though - as I was teaching
all the time - did the most of
my own work - and took care
of my baby and 17 school hours.
It is impossible to get a girl
here to do the housework - or had
been before this. And though the
schools are small at the time
there is a great deal - there was to
consider. For one to do - and I

very [illegible]

as into the [illegible]

She was only [illegible] assist Miss Harris - as she did not know what to do any - at first - and then school was then quite large.

And dear Mrs Cassidy - I cannot help but feel that I cannot stay here and work as hard as I have always done if the "Ladies" are going to sit down on me - and not feel like sending us the help we so much needs because my baby did not find the classes suitable - and therefore could not make a favorable report of the work here.

I am not sure whether Ladies Board" [illegible] work feel that my work [illegible] different [illegible] account. [illegible]

[illegible] nothing [illegible] could get [illegible]

sing and play the organ. I have had a young lady in my mind for some time - a christian young lady - who has had good success as a teacher - but she has not finished her education - has been attending school during the past year.

If I hear that she would like this work - I will write you again of her.

Will you please let me hear from you soon and give us any encouragement you can.

Our babe has been quite sick during the week past - seems better today - but we have been uneasy about him.

With much love I am as ever Yours

Belle Shields

Institute, ~~from the~~ the holidays and be ready to begin work the first of the year — The 24th of December is the grand feast ~~of~~ the Christmas time I had thought to be there ~~if~~ before that time and have the Indians all understand that I would be there for "noche buena" — I shall certainly be guided by the advice or decision of the Committee, in the matter, and if they deem it best, I will go immediately to New Mexico, only, if such be their decision, I would ask that, the Ex. Com. or the Board, take the responsibility of cancelling my present engagements, and publically acquit me, of unfaithfulness to my home work, or my work in the field — I may be pardoned for saying, that it is not the ~~heart~~ interpreters, that is wanting, so much as is personal work among the Indian parents in

the different villages — It is just as necessary that the Indians should be visited and cultivated — as it is that Societies should be informed of the work being done "to the front" I certainly feel that during the months of September and October and possibly November, ~~Prof. Ellis~~ the Principal's ~~duty~~ first duty was to be out in the Indian homes — You can persuade an Indian, but, you cannot win an influence over a mind in one day, or in two, but, patient effort, tact and, the Master's smile upon one's efforts must and will do a noble work among a people waiting not only for Civilization but Christianity —

Had a lovely time at Philadelphia — The Hearers and Doers are intensely interested in our school — They have decided to take a fifty dollar scholarship instead of a thirty dollar one — Of course, we are all glad of the change — I will forward

a statement to this effect to Mrs Bigelow
A letter from Miss Hunter of Trenton,
speaks of $100. for Trinity the result of our
meeting at Jersey City — Mrs. Kirkbride
wants me Nov. 7th for their Home meeting.
Some other Philadelphia friends will be
home by that time and I did so much
want to meet them as they have promised
to do for our school — Mrs. Bailey of Harrisburg
is raising money for a magic lantern
and wanted me in Philadelphia to
select slides — So you see it is rather
difficult to tear myself away from the
engagements — Mrs Bailey, Mrs. McCormick
Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Galbraith, had a little
meeting at Mrs Jordan's the morning after I saw
you last, — They propose this winter to work
for us then when our school is well equipped
they will do for another school —
Well — well — I cannot talk all the morning
to you, much as I would like it — other letters
wait — Let me hear from you very soon —
Very lovingly yours in love —
Yours — Ina B Shields.

Miss L. B. Shields

Bennett Pa,
Nov 3d, 1875.

My Dear Miss Morton: — I sent a telegram yesterday, saying, I would go (D.V.) to the Presbyterial meeting at Oxford — I will leave Pittsburg Tuesday Evening and go on to Elizabeth Wednesday if I can make Oxford, from that by the time of meeting in the P.M.: Please reply, that I may know if this is feasable, if not I will go to any point named — If you think best, arrange for a meeting, Wednesday afternoon, for any point which I could reach from Philadelphia — and, then make all for the next day, — The details of travis I must leave to you — Am feeling stronger, but, my physician makes it imperative that I do not have more than one meeting a day, I think next week I will feel pretty well — How long will I be in N. J.? and can I spend a Sabbath at Belvidere — If one of the meetings

possibly Harmony could be Saturday or Monday - I would like to spend Saturday at Belvidere - Of course I would only enjoy it if it is generally convenient ~~for you~~ to arrange meeting in that way Whatever you have arranged will be satisfactory - If no meeting for the 9th has been appointed, possibly it will not be worth while to arrange it, It might be too much for me -

Hoping to hear from you at an early day, I remain Sincerely Your friend
Lon B. Shields.

If necessary to Telegraph may send in care of W. L. Shields
#4 A.V.R.R. Offices
Pittsburgh, Pa.

later - Shall be better pleased will be to go to New York Saturday so from there to Harmony, possible - Will in advisable - Will in any case, want to go from Belvidere - if it is advisable to do so.

Dear Mrs Haines

I just recd inclosed letter from Miss Shields. I have not been able to send her a letter in time to reach her before she starts, I sent a postal hoping it might, saying I would send you a letter with word for her of the engagements I have made which I hope will be filled by her. I had to write to Harmony but it would not reach there until after the Sunday meeting, saying she could not come, & we hope she will surely get to Oxford and Mrs Gregory said she thought they would like Miss S. at Delaware on Friday 10th. and Mrs Gregory wanted her on Saturday 9th inst. If Mrs Gregory does not want her, Miss S. would like to go to Belvidere for Sunday then on Monday I could not make an arrangement without expense & Irving has no time except aft of our Trenton day if we decide to have a morning meeting, Tuesday Flemington, Wed Nov 15 for Lambertville, Thursday Nov. 17. Trenton possibly Irving Friday Pennington, Sat Nov. 19 J. City, I have not dared to make any further engagements for I dont know how long we can have her, and she dont seem to see how necessary it is to fill engagements we have made.

Hoping to hear from Miss S. or Yourself as soon as she arrives at Elizabeth

Lovingly Yours

E. H. L. Morton

Miss L. B. Shields

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Blairstown, New Jersey.

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Nov 11th 1881.

Noy dear Mrs. Haines: — There are so many things to be said, that I am at a loss what to say first. Have try and write to Miss Gertrude Brown by to-day's mail — Hope also to write Mrs. Van Rensalaer — I see I am to be at Jersey City, Sept 19th, there is being some influence brought to bear upon my getting to Harmony, this will bring me again from New Jersey to Belvidere, quite a little trip and will consume some time — The money has been given by Mrs Bailey of Harrisburgh (or thereabouts) for

a magic Lantern for our school, and it is very desirable and necessary for me to have a day in Philadelphia with Mrs. Bailey, for the selection of an instrument and slides — then to the ~~Seventh~~ & Market St. church — want to take a scholarship, and I have promised Mrs. Bailey that I would will stop off at Harrisburg for an afternoon or evening. — That will take two evenings at least — you see, and the days pretty busily occupied — What would you think of ~~taking~~ my spending Sabbath, the 20th with you, going Monday to Philadelphia, and, either Tuesday or Wednesday, being at Harrisburg? I feel as if before I go to H. or to Cincinnati or even again to Pittsburg that I need to see you and

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have a talk with you — I saw Dr. Kendall, the other day in May't. Prof. L. still insists that my promise to be a mother to those children is what keeps the scholars out of school — No one expected to have all those children come back, and I certainly feel health is the first consideration — I find I am far from strong — and, feel that, even by the 24th of Dec — that I cannot, yet be altogether free and, shoulder as much of the responsibility — and do as much work as I did before — After the first of December I may be able to work in N. Y. My physician

says, but previous to that time he will not hear of my going. There is only one meeting I want to make at Pittsburg and that will be a large meeting representing many different societies - this meeting they will have at any time I can be there. - Then, I promised to go to New Castle, they have pictures &c, &c for the schoolroom, the boys room, and I feel I might accomplish something more not only for our school, but, for the better organizing for our Home mission work by going there — This I think will occupy nearly all of two more day, and if possible, I want to have about three days after I go have been at New Castle, receiving several

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friends — Now, will it be best for me to go, to Pittsburg and New Castle from Harrisburg, put in three meetings, there one, at Pittsburg and, go from there to Washington, or would it be well to go from Harrisburg to Cincinnati and from there to Washington — I feel that it is very important for me to go to Springfield Ohio, and, if possible to go also to those points near there interested in our school — if it is possible to do so — Miss Rena Hassan is to go to the same meeting at Washington, to which I am invited — It is rather trying to arrange as it

best for all these meetings, is it not? I trust my mentioning them at this time may not be annoying — I trust, you may at this time be fully relieved from anxiety on account of those who are ill, when you wrote - Mrs Gregory says to tell you that we had a first rate meeting yesterday and that she sends much love to you — I do not want to go too early in December to Washington I want to be there after the Congressmen assemble — Dr. Kendall spoke of being particularly anxious to have me go to Washington — How I wish I were strong enough to do all, it seems I might do — You see it is not an easy task to write, the letters ill formed and the ideas rather scattering — Hoping to hear from you

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Dear - As an - most entirely
yours in the work, the matter
enclosed, we signally put upon
Lucas Hall.

Miss Lora B. Shields
and 12.21/81
Bennett Pa
Dec 16 1881

My dear Mrs Hanes; — Arrived home this morning at 7 o'clock — Spent yesterday leaving Harrisburgh and came home by night train — Hope you arrived in safety at your journeys end — I enclosed a letter from Kiefe Verbeck, which I thought you might enjoy reading — The James Miller ~~is~~ spoken of is "my ~~Dad~~ apprentice in hair cutting" — I learn incidentally that it was through him the ~~Johns~~ new pupils came. ' × × × My stay at Washington after you left was as charming as ever, but I missed your loving morning greeting — My stay at Mrs. Gists was not on the whole as delightful as one could have wished, yet I saw ~~the~~ one representative, from Kentucky, only to learn that "poor white trash" in his estimation were more deserving of an appropriation than our Pueblos — My

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interview with Mrs. Fawcett of Chicago was most delightful — I called about eleven, was received in her private parlor, and found Mr. Fawcett, her husband and interested listener — after a few moments he threw down his paper and said — "Tell me something of those Creeks, I am interested". And I found that Mrs Fawcett was so pleased and helped me so nicely that her husband told me his views on the Indian Question, promised his personal help on our appropriation, when the Committee would be appointed, I will write of this to Dr. Jackson in a day or so — Mr Shallenberger promised his support and aid — So I feel we have won good friends in Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Shallenberger and in Mrs Fawcett — Mr. Baird of the Smithsonian would be most excellent aid, if he could be informed on the subject — Mr Chickering

took me to see the President —
We had a little conversation and
I have a message for our Indians
from him — this message will
aid me in getting a hold upon
the people so that I may again
bring more girls into school —
I always think that in your prayers there
is a special petition for the little
girl as she goes back to her work —
You know how trying in some
respects it is, and, how great my
responsibility — I don't shrink from
it, because I have consecrated myself
anew to the work, but, oh, the way is
so narrow, beset with so many snares,
that I fear I may lose sight of my
Master and may fall a prey to some
of the trials, that may hinder my progress
& injure the harmony — I found
in talking with the gentlemen that the
name "Indian Training School" enlarged
the meaning and character of the
school — Might I suggest, that you

× Com. Price, favors "Indian Training School"—

speak to the proper member of the Board or Committee — be that Dr. Jackson, Dr. Kendall, or yourself — and have them write at once to Prof. Shearer, and have the name "Indian Training School" substituted for the present one — × a heading something after this fashion × I think would be preferable to the one now used —

Indian Training School.
~~Prof.~~ J. L. Shearer, A. M. Principal. . . . .
Albuquerque, N. Mex. — —

Other names could be given if thought desirable — The wording "This school is supported by the Interior Department of the United States Government and the Ladies' Home Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church" certainly is somewhat awkwardly expressed and does not give proper ~~ideas~~ impressions. I suggest that this should be done immediately, in order to guard against other papers being printed and, I feel, that I should prefer some one else than

myself to be the one to mention the matter to him — If you feel it could be done, I should like my position to be a little more fully defined, and to have some special title, so that when I write or speak as I sometimes do with authority, that my position should at once be recognized — The nomenclature I leave to you or to Dr Jackson, if he is the proper one. I submit the entire matter to you, most respectfully — The A.S. with which Mrs. Halwell is connected is to take up work for our school — Is that not encouraging? Will you kindly send me the address of Mrs. Pyle of Cincinnati. To-morrow I go to see Mr. Felix R. Brunot in regard to work among Indians — I want, if possible to have Pittsburg furnish fit up our Industrial Department for the boys — Mr Chickering did a long act of friendship for you Wednesday last

When seeing Mr. Ames & the Dep't of the Interior - He gave him your name for the literature they publish in regard to Indians - So by and by, you will have stacks of Reports of Indian Agents, books of Alaska, Carafornia, and Pueblo Indians "Was it not nice of Mr Chickering? He enjoyed the oratoris, came home in a rain storm - but well provided with cloaks, umbrellas &c, &c - and well pound the ones — Have sent off thirteen letters to-day - and, the pile of unanswered letters seems as if no impression had been made upon them at all — With kindest love and earnest prayers for your safety, health, and prosperity

Very affectionately yours,
Lora B. Shields.

Miss L. B. Shields
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Bennett. Pa.
Nov. 20th 1881.

My dear Mrs Haines — Am afraid I could not go to Wilmington Del. — but will try and be on hand for the meeting at Baltimore — At what time and what point do you expect me to meet you? I send you the last letter received from Mrs James — It is all the one just at hand — I wish you could have seen the ease with which she presided at Bonna Brook and the grace with which she carries herself through the organizing in the Society at that point — No easy task was it — Prof. Shearer and Dr. Thomas were at Laguna — Dr. T. took four pupils back to A — and Prof. hoped for several more —

Poor fellow, he begins to see through a few of the difficulties I battled with alone last winter — I think he may get all the pupils back unless Jennie — I had a letter from Jennie telling me of the initiation of Daisy and several girls as young as she into their customs Oh; it made my heart almost stand still — I am longing to be again among them — What can I do more for Jennie and her people — Reports from Miss Harris are very good — needs another teacher Prof. Shearer writes much less despondingly — and, I hope by the time I get back all will be going along nicely —

Am feeling quite better to-day — Have had a little throat trouble which has confined me to my room for several days — I did not stop at Philadelphia but came immediately home & reaching Pittsburg at 7 O'clock, Thursday morning — Thanksgiving it only needed my presence to complete the home circle — as I was truly glad to be there.

Some beautiful pictures and books came to me to day from Mrs. Holliday, of Belvidere — I almost despair of getting my pile of unanswered letters cleared away this evening — as I will say good-night — as I have Mamma beside me to kiss Good-night and you are so far away I'll content myself with sending you one — Mamma sends her love — Very sincerely yours with best wishes to all and love to yourself

Lora B Shields —